

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 13, and 19 to 26, and 27 are in the application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that the claims contain allowable subject matter.

As requested in the Office Action, the drawings have been amended and a substitute specification is being submitted herewith. No new matter has been entered into the drawings or substitute specification. In addition, a new abstract is being submitted. Approval of the drawings, the substitute specification, and the abstract is respectfully requested.

Regarding the comment made in the Office Action about incorporation by reference, Applicant submits that the claims are supported in the application as filed. Therefore, Applicant is not incorporating disclosure from the U.K. application mentioned in the specification.

Turning to the claims, as shown above, the claims have been amended to attend to the various perceived informalities therein. In view of these amendments, withdrawal of the objections to the claims on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action is respectfully requested.

Claim 24 to 26 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant has canceled claim 26. Regarding claim 24 (and claim 25, which depends on claim 24), Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the originally-filed specification at page 5, lines 31 to 36, where the feature of claim 24 is clearly described. Also, page 14, lines 30 to 33 describes how the modulator regenerates signals. It does so under control of receiver controller 30. That is in Fig. 4, output signals from data combiner 28 and

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 as shown on the attached red-lines sheets. These amendments have been made, at the request of the Examiner, to label the blocks in the figures.

No new matter has been entered.

signal strength estimator 26 are fed under the control of receiver controller 30 to modulator 28, which regenerates a signal. Thus, Applicant submits that the subject matter of claim 24 is described in the application, and requests withdrawal of the §112, first paragraph, rejection.

Claims 2, 3, 5 to 13 and 19 to 27 were rejected under the second paragraph of §112 for alleged indefiniteness. The informalities noted on page 7 have been addressed in the amendments above. Regarding the contention that claims 2 and 3 are in conflict, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Those claims are directed to different aspects of the invention, which are described, e.g., on page 12, lines 20 to 26 and page 14, lines 24 to 30 of the originally-filed application. Thus, withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph, rejection is requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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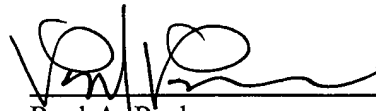
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